



2021-2022

Annual REPORT



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Letter from the President



Dear Friends and Partners of Thirdmill Seminary,

I recently went to the dentist for a checkup and cleaning. Most of us view our regular visits to the dentist as unpleasant but necessary for the greater good of a healthy set of teeth.

As most of you know, the Seminary has been experiencing a thorough check-up called “accreditation.” I have been involved in the process a few times before, and each time is both unpleasant and necessary for the greater good of our wider accountability as well as the health of our programs and processes to produce the learning outcomes we are seeking.

This past August our faculty, staff, and board welcomed a team of accreditors to our offices in Orlando. This site visit is an important part of the process, and we are thankful it went well. We are now in the final phase of review and are requesting your prayers. Please continue to pray for our team as we finalize our response to the Site Visit Report. Pray also for the accrediting commission who will consider our application this coming January. And pray that our application will be approved!

Of course, teaching and learning continue, and we are thankful for how our team, student body, and classes have grown. In particular, our continuing education courses are well received among our Spanish-speaking students. Led by Dr. Rich Ramsay, these courses provide instruction and ministry opportunities of a more practical nature for pastoral and leadership development. Read more on page 5.

We have also welcomed a new core faculty member to our English team, Dr. Bob Brumley. See page 6 for more about his professional experience with distance theological education.

With you in Christ's service,

Dr. Greg Perry, President

Study Scripture where you Serve

STUDENT TESTIMONY

Thirdmill Seminary offers a brand-new online learning experience for me. As an international student, I feel so blessed that I can get access to the opportunity of studying theology online with such an efficient approach in a shorter time compared with the regular international application process.

The online multi-media courses give me a comprehensive scope of biblical knowledge. The arrangement of the courses provide excellent training for us students to build up our spiritual life and character. I believe the equipment of the theological knowledge in Thirdmill Seminary will empower me to achieve more tasks in God's Kingdom Plan.

– student in restricted access country



Our Global Classroom

Argentina	Japan
Australia	Liberia
Burundi	Mexico
Chile	South Africa
Colombia	Ukraine
Costa Rica	United States
Dominican Republic	Zimbabwe
Italy	

Thirdmill Seminary is authorized to provide online higher education for students in the following states either through general or specific approval, registration, or exemption:

Alabama	Ohio
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	Tennessee
Mississippi	

Year in Review

ENROLLMENT

Master of Arts in Christian Studies

English - 26 students

Spanish - 13 students

Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies

English - 4 students

COURSE COMPLETION RATE

English

95%

Spanish

88%



COMBINED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

3.5

3.15

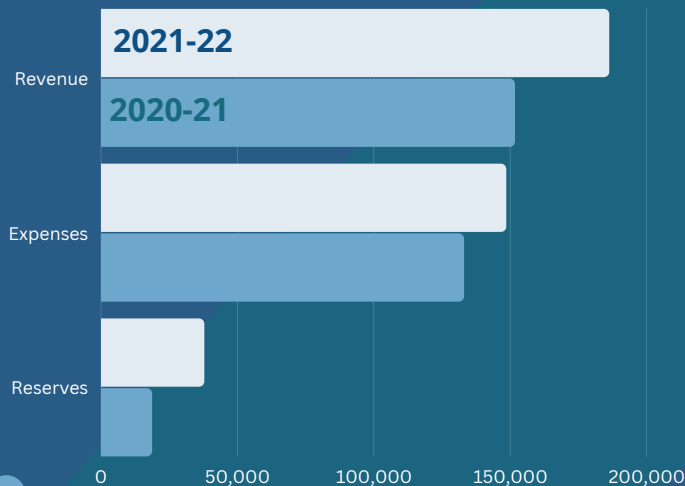


FINANCIALS 2021-22

Total Revenue \$186,160

Total Expenses \$148,421

Total Reserves \$37,739



We served 43 graduate students, 40 Continuing Education students in Spanish, 161 who attended the Miami conference in November 2021, and 13 partner school students, for a total of 257 students in 2021-2022.

STAFF NEWS

In May 2022, **Mauricio Sanchez** returned to Missionary Aviation Fellowship to serve as their Latin America Regional Director (pictured at left). We are thankful for the time he served as Administrator.

We are grateful **Rosalía Sanchez** continues as our Director of Instructional Design and Registrar for the Spanish program. **Darlene Perry** assumed the role of Director of Administration and Communications.



L-R: Mauricio Sanchez, Scott Simmons, Bob Brumley, Richard Ramsay, Greg Perry, Darlene Perry, Rosalia Sanchez, Carmen Brumley, Angelica Ramsay, Catherine Brumley
Not pictured: Jeff David, Lily Dubach, Drew Parlee



Thirdmill Seminary co-hosted our first annual Bible Conference with partner, **Lifted Church Miami**.

Presented in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish, 161 ministry leaders participated in the webinar **"Interpreting and Teaching the Bible,"** both online and in-person at the church in Miami.

Carmen Brumley served as an excellent translator for our conference teachers, Drs. Richard Pratt and Greg Perry. Drs. Rich Ramsay and Jeff David led breakout groups to help participants put the principles of interpretation into practice. Scott Simmons and Mauricio Sanchez hosted the online groups, with Dann Seifert and his tech team operating the cameras and soundboards to provide professional simulcast streaming online. We are looking forward to another conference next spring in Miami!



Continuing Educación Education Continua



Beginning in January 2022, Dr. Richard Ramsay has led our Spanish team in a new initiative of continuing education courses designed for those already in ministry.

Each class is designed to address practical ministry activities like evangelism and church planting, teaching and preaching, as well as cultural apologetics.

These classes arise from two aspects of our strategic plan: 1) continuing to develop new programs and resources to serve the church, and 2) practical workshops that go beyond our degree programs to partner with churches and their leaders. The response has been positive, with 40 new students participating in these courses.

Courses Cursos

Una visión para el ministerio
Cosmovision
Enseñanza y predicación
Consejería cristiana
Libros de poesía y sabiduría

Our Mission

Thirdmill Seminary provides affordable access to a quality multilingual theological education by distance learning, so Christian leaders can study Scripture deeply and communicate its teachings clearly where they serve Christ and His Church.

Notice that we added "by distance learning" to our mission statement to provide theological education in a variety of online formats!

Our Vision

Thirdmill Seminary is developing a worldwide network of learning communities that spans barriers of language, cost, and technology to interpret and apply Christian Scripture in the Church's mission to glorify the Triune God and disciple the nations.

Library News

Thirdmill Seminary expanded our digital resource library to include EBSCO for religion and philosophy journal research. We have also contracted with Lily Dubach, our Digital Librarian, to answer research questions, and review our databases, subscriptions, and resources in relation to our course offerings.

WELCOMING A NEW DEAN

DR. BOB BRUMLEY JOINS THE FACULTY

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Bob Brumley** to the staff as Academic Dean of the English program.

Dr. Brumley has been significant in helping establish the foundation of the seminary as Compliance Officer for the last two years.



Dr. Brumley serves alongside the Academic Dean of the Spanish program, **Dr. Jeff David**.

Dr. Brumley received his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University and his Masters in Ministry Leadership from Rockbridge Seminary. Bob has extensive experience as both a teacher and administrator, having served as the Academic Dean at Universidad FLET from 2007-2011 and continuing as Academic Dean at Laurel University from 2011-2014. When Laurel was acquired by Indiana Wesleyan University, Bob served as Director of the Global Academic Programs from 2014 to 2020. He has worked effectively teaching and training pastors both in person and through distance education methodology.

Residing in Miami, Florida, Bob also serves on staff at Lifted Church and can relate to bi-vocational ministry similar to many of our students. We are thankful for Bob's experience and his commitment to equipping students in their study of the Bible and in their commitment to growing the Kingdom of God.

Site Visit Report

This summer brought a long awaited and worked-for day: hosting a site visit from our accrediting body. Delivering graduate level theological education is very much a TEAM EFFORT! It is not quite on the level of rocket science, but the work of our two language teams, English and Spanish, allows us to deliver quality theological education. The teams include **student services** to promote the seminary, receive and evaluate applications, publish handbooks and the catalog, keep our website updated, as well as bookkeeping. Our **academic team** of deans, core faculty, adjunct faculty, and our curriculum committee evaluate the work our students produce and the outcomes of their learning.

The Site Visit team evaluated all parts of our team to make sure we are 'ready for launch' as an accredited institution. Their report, like those of aerospace teams, always find ways to improve our systems, processes, and programs. This is one of the main reasons we want to be accredited, so we have outside accountability to keep growing as educators and pastors.

While it was an intense experience, it was also valuable. The report produced by the Site Team will be used, along with our response and changes, when the commission meets in January 2023 to act on our application for accreditation. Please keep praying with us as we work towards this BIG GOAL!



"Are we ready for launch?"
Academic Deans Dr. Bob Brumley and Dr. Jeff David visit Kennedy Space Center with Dr. Perry to celebrate the completion of the site visit in August.

Dean's List 2021-22

3.7 or higher

*indicates enrollment in two courses

Spanish Master's Degree

Term 1

Boris Ramírez
Nelson Rivera

Term 2

Boris Ramírez
Nelson Rivera*

Term 3

Gabriela Cerna
Leopoldo Orellana
Santo 'Carlos' Quiroz
Boris Ramírez
Nelson Rivera

Term 4

Santo 'Carlos' Quiroz
Nelson Rivera

Term 5

Felipe Gálvez
Leopoldo Orellana
Nilton Pardo
Santo 'Carlos' Quiroz
Nelson Rivera

English Program Graduate Certificate

Term 1

Justin Hawarah
Christafer Sobbing*

Term 4

Alex Foxx
Justin Hawarah
Christafer Sobbing

English Master's Degree

Term 1

Matthew Bolger
Greg Ciresi
Leon Ngendangenzwa

Term 2

Mike Cain
Leon Ngendangenzwa*

Term 3

Amédée Bagirakandi
Leon Ngendangenzwa*

Term 4

Amédée Bagirakandi
Matthew Bolger
Mike Cain
Leon Ngendangenzwa*

Term 5

Amédée Bagirakandi
Matthew Bolger
Leon Ngendangenzwa*

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My professor's thoughtful responses and feedback to my work have been very helpful in guiding me to a stronger grip on the Bible.

MIKE CAIN,
TOKYO



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Thank you,
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for a program
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pastors of the
21st century.

MARCO PASSIÓN,
ARGENTINA



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Having a mentor
and spiritual
growth exercises
creates a balance
between learning the
Scriptures and
practicing what we
are learning.

NELSON RIVERA,
USA-PUERTO RICO



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